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	First Inventor	Brian W. Brandner et al
	Title	Method and Apparatus ...
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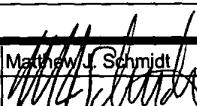
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3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 15]  
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  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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  - Background of the invention
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1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
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SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ 750.00)

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims 23 -20\*\* = 3 x 18 = 54  
Independent Claims 2 -3\*\* = 0 x =  
Multiple Dependent =

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
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1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a new patent application entitled

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING A BLOW MOLDED FUEL TANK**

This application is being filed pursuant to the revised Rules of Practice effective February 27, 1983 by the undersigned attorney of the applicants. It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a filing date of September 3, 2003 pursuant to the "Express Mail" (EV 332498038 US) provision of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 as amended.

The name and address of the inventors of the subject matter of the enclosed patent application are as follows:

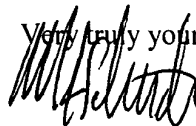
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